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Prices and Prospects.

SPOT COKE WEAK BUT FOUNDRY STRONG AND SLIDING SCALE NOW SELLER'S SONG

Pig Iron is Jumping but Flat-Furnace Contract Coke Stands Pat.

SOME IDLE FURNACES IN SOON

But They are Not Burning Coke Yet. Box Cars for Foundry Coke Scarce. Prompt Coke Prices for the Year. The Outlook for Coke and Iron.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 1.—The coke market has been devoid of important developments the past week. There has been only a limited demand for prompt furnace coke and it has been satisfied without difficulty at prices formerly quoted. While many operators quote prompt furnace coke at \$2.25 there are offerings down to \$2.10 in exceptional cases, while \$2.15 and \$2.20 are frequently quoted, and the market as a whole can be set down as \$2.15 to \$2.25.

Statements that the freight blockade in the east has been broken and that coke should therefore be plentiful on account of a more plentiful supply of cars are not taken seriously in coke trade circles, where more serious car shortages, rather than a better supply, are expected for the next few weeks. Box cars, scarce for weeks, are regarded as likely to become still scarcer, a fact which has its influence on the foundry coke market.

There are scarcely any negotiations for furnace contract, as furnaces now in blast have practically all been under cover. There are very few idle furnaces, though such as there are will likely get into blast soon as pig iron is becoming very scarce, and some additional coke contracting will be necessary in the case of idle furnaces blowing in.

The foundry coke market is even stronger than it was a week or two ago. High grade foundry coke for spot shipment sells without difficulty at \$2.25 to \$2.30, representing \$2.35 or \$2.40 to consumers, while ordinary standard foundry coke cannot be obtained at less than \$2.00, and the market is quotable at \$2.00 to \$2.25, a range of \$2.00 to \$2.25 a week ago.

Contract prices on foundry coke for the first half of next year have not been well developed as yet. Some operators are firm on \$3.25 while there are some who are as high as \$2.75, a fact that with a little activity in the buying direction some of the best grades would move up to \$3.50. The market now stands quotable as follows:

Prompt furnace, first half, \$2.15 to \$2.25	
Contract furnace, first half, \$2.25 to \$2.35	
Contract furnace, year, \$2.25 to \$2.35	
Prompt foundry, \$2.00 to \$2.25	
Contract foundry, \$2.00 to \$2.25	

The highest prices ever paid for prompt furnace coke this year are not reflected strongly in the monthly averages, as they fell in the late days of October and early days of November, when as high as \$2.75 was realized, while in the remaining portions of each month prices were materially lower. Average monthly prices of prompt coke have been as follows thus far this year:

January	\$1.55	\$2.10
February	1.55	2.15
March	1.55	2.15
April	1.55	2.15
May	1.55	2.15
June	1.55	2.20
July	1.55	2.25
August	1.55	2.25
September	1.55	2.25
October	1.55	2.25
November	1.55	2.25

The local pig iron market has advanced an average of 10 cents in the past week, as performance, especially the pig iron has become very scarce and according to the views of furnacemen is destined to become still scarcer. The coke operator views the advance in pig iron with different emotions according to his position. To the operator who has sold his coke on a sliding scale the pig iron advance means greatly increased revenue, for on the ordinary sliding scale contract an increase of \$1 in pig iron means an increase of 20 cents in the selling price of coke. To the operator who still has coke to sell the pig iron advance appeals in different manner for the fact that pig iron advances in price sharply when the pig iron is sold, while the pig iron advances in price relatively small indicates clearly that pig iron is scarce and there is no opportunity for the production to be largely increased. Increased consumption of coke, which would bring higher prices, is therefore not indicated very clearly by the pig iron advance. The outlook for the coke operator would be better if there were large sales of pig iron at moderate advances rather than moderate sales of pig iron at large advances.

A mile interest in Pittsburgh has sold a total of 3,500 tons of Bessemer iron at \$18.00, Valley, or \$1.00 a ton above the quotation of a week ago, and apparently there was very little furnace competition. Since these sales a 50-ton car has been sold at \$18.50, Valley. Foundry iron, quotable a week ago at \$16.00, Valley, sold later at \$16.50 and then at \$17.00, while today there seems to be scarcely any available even at \$17.00, and one furnace interest is quoting \$18.00 as its minimum. The market is quotable as follows:

Bessemer	\$18.00 to \$18.50
Basic	\$17.00

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 27, 1915.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 20, 1915.
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	Ovens.
Connellsville	21,465	21,465
Lower Connellsville	17,528	17,528
Totals	38,993	38,993
FURNACE OVENS.	Ovens.	Ovens.
Connellsville	17,528	17,528
Lower Connellsville	17,528	17,528
Totals	35,056	35,056
MERCHANT OVENS.	Ovens.	Ovens.
Connellsville	1,104	1,104
Lower Connellsville	1,104	1,104
Totals	2,208	2,208
SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 27, 1915.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 20, 1915.
To Pittsburgh	4,245 Cars.	4,245 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburgh	6,243 Cars.	6,243 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,375 Cars.	1,375 Cars.
Totals	11,863 Cars.	11,863 Cars.

FREIGHT TIEUP AT COAST PORTS IS NOW SERIOUS

Congestion in New York
and Other Terminals May
Affect Business.

RAILROADS IMPOSE EMBARGOES

Demurrage Rule Giving Shippers 30
Days to Unload Cars is Costing
Carriers Nearly a Million Dollars;
Will Cut Time Limit January 1.

An unprecedented congestion of freight traffic at the port of New York, with only less acute conditions at other Atlantic seaports is creating a condition which, if not shortly relieved, will effect industry throughout the country in harmful ways. Railroads, especially those having their terminals in New York and New Jersey, have thousands of loaded freight cars, either in the terminals themselves, or on the sidetracks miles distant from the seaboard, which they are unable to move. Traffic experts state that the conditions have no parallel in railroad history.

The immediate cause of this congestion is the shortage of vessels to carry abroad the flood of grain, the heavy tonnage of steel products, railroad equipment, coal and munitions of war which have flowed with increasing volume into the seaboard ports. The war has forced one-seventh of the world's total merchant ship tonnage off the seas, and naval auxiliary services have further depleted it. The two serious limitations of exports, when the vessel shortage is taken into account, are the lack of tonnage and the lack of handling facilities which are wholly inadequate to meet.

The great haste among shippers, especially those making war materials, to get their commodities out of their factories and on the way to New York is one of the chief causes of the congestion. As these orders are concentrated for the basis of New York deliveries, the shipper's wish to get to the port as soon as possible is to get the merchandise on board the vessel and receive the bill of lading. With this bill of lading in his hands he draws against it for payment and gives no thought whether his goods will be delivered in New York within a week or a month.

This practice of shippers is working hardships upon the railroads, which are required to store export freight at the ports free of demurrage charges for 30 days. It is estimated that every thousand cars held loaded in the terminal yards or on the side tracks mean for the railroads an unproductive investment of \$1,000,000. To obtain relief from this phase of the situation the Truck Line Association has formulated a rule effective January 1st, reducing the time for unloading freight destined for export from 30 to 15 days under penalty of demurrage charges.

All railroads reaching the seaboard are effected in about the same degree. Conditions along the Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and New York are typical. The coal and iron ore of the main line and branches are being choked with the great number of cars blocked ahead. How great the congestion is numerically, officials decline to disclose. That it runs into thousands of cars on both the main and branch lines it is known, while the condition daily becomes worse.

In the west railroad men are anticipating the worst car shortage in recent years and are taking unusual measures to prevent their equipment being entangled in the present congestion of eastern lines entering New York. Freight ordinarily billed through from western points to the Atlantic seaboard is now being transferred to cars of eastern lines at junction points, thus keeping their own cars in the west and placing the burden on eastern lines. Thus far the tie-up has effected only business for points abroad. The way is cleared for domestic business and general freight for New York proper

COAL DEPOSITS OF STEWART TOWNSHIP WILL BE DEVELOPED

Scottish Capitalists are
Preparing to Open a
Large Tract.

ONE OPENING HAS BEEN MADE

More Than 3,000 Acres of Land,
Underlaid With Four Thick Seams,
Will Eventually be Marketed; First
Serious Effort to Mine the Field.

A section of Fayette county's coal fields, hitherto undeveloped except for local use, is now the scene of initial but not final operations which are intended, primarily, to prove the territory and pave the way for more extensive developments later. For three years past a group of men, who have been long and prominently identified with the industry of the Connellsville coke region, have been making deliberate and thorough investigation of the coal deposits lying in Stewart township, south of the Youghiogheny river, in the immediate vicinity of Ohio.

These interests acquired control of the tract of the Stewart estate some years ago, and it is upon this tract that the exploration work has been done. This tract, which covers a point opposite Stewart town, contains about three miles to the north of Meadow Run and almost equal distance southward toward the National Pike, and covers three or more thousand acres in this area. A large number of drill holes were put down and well distributed points and records carefully taken and preserved.

Later a deep opening was started in the lower Kittanning seam, at a point on the West Maryland railroad near the Kittanning bridge, which crosses the Yough at Huppale. A dipper, having an ultimate capacity of 500 to 600 tons per day, was erected and shipped down a mine with a small way beyond the main shaft. The main heading has been driven about 600 feet into the hill in the direction of Jonathan's Run. The thickness of the seam quality of the coal, the stability of floor and roof, ease of mining and other factors have been carefully noted, taken in conjunction with the results obtained through the drill hole and other tests, have encouraged the promoters of this enterprise to plan a larger scheme of development.

It is not the present intention, however, to undertake extensive operations. It is proposed to continue development work through the winter season with the present mine equipment, meaning the completion of plans and preparations for additional openings to be made in the spring. At that time the operation will be electrically equipped for cutting and hauling, either from a power plant to be built at the mine, or by contract with the West Penn Electric Company, as circumstances may determine as the most desirable. Instead of erecting additional dippers, with heavy machinery, and a small opening will be made and connected with outside haulage roads, discharging on a single dipper. The configuration of the ground will tend to lead itself to this plan, and make possible an ultimate large tonnage with comparatively low cost of plant equipment.

Plans projected still more remotely into the future contemplate the development of other seams on the tract, all of which are readily available for operation by self-dumping drift mounds. The Carbon seam is at a proper dipper height, about forty feet, above the railroad. The other seams at higher elevations can be developed by their own inclines of the returning or other type.

This territory is rich in coal deposits is a fact well known to all persons familiar with the economic geology of the section. The exposed condition, I feel very optimistic as to the future.

Lectonia Ovens in Blast.
The coke plant of the Cherry Valley Iron Works of the United Iron & Steel Company at Lectonia, consisting of 128 ovens, has been placed in full operation after being idle since January 1st last.

Pittsburgh Steel Back Dividends.
The directors of the Pittsburgh Steel Company have ordered the payment of 3 1/2 per cent of the dividend on the preferred stock which are in arrears.

Production and Output.

COKE OUTPUT HALTING AT 435,000 TONS BUT A BETTER MOVEMENT IS ANTICIPATED

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

Baltimore	\$1.50
Buffalo	1.45
Chicago	1.40
Cleveland	1.35
Detroit	1.30
East St. Louis	1.25
Indianapolis	1.20
Kentucky	1.15
Louisville	1.10
Memphis	1.05
New York	1.00
Philadelphia	0.95
Pittsburgh	0.90
Portland, N. Y.	0.85
Portland, Me.	0.80
Rochester	0.75
Richmond	0.70
South Bethlehem	0.65
Swedeland, Pa.	0.60
Tolono	0.55
Wheeling	0.50
Youngstown and Valley	0.45

Increased Production and Higher Prices are Predicted.

BY-PRODUCT INTERESTS BUY

Connellsville Coke to Help Out Demands They Are Unable to Meet. 82% of the Ovens in Operation. Merchant Yards are Bare of Stock.

The Connellsville coke trade stands pat at 435,000 tons. This figure represents the shipments. Production is practically the same in spite of small additions to the active list of ovens. Up to this time insufficient and inefficient labor has conspired to keep production down. Thanksgiving Day intervened last week. It was not recognized by the operators, or generally by the employees, but it was made the occasion of a holiday by a considerable percentage of the labor nevertheless. The close of the week contained some paydays and these helped disorganize things Saturday and Sunday of this week, but coke managers hope for better action during the next few weeks. Christmas is coming and the boys all want Christmas money to spend.

A better market for coke is anticipated this month. The operators think there will be an improved demand at stiffer prices. Sliding scale contract coke is now bringing \$2.40 and is on the way up. Representatives of Chicago furnace interests have been in the coke region this week buying Connellsville coke to supplement their by-product coke supplies, which with all their furnaces running full and at peak capacity are not sufficient to meet their increased requirements. The same conditions have prevailed elsewhere, notably at Johnstown, Bethlehem, Sparrows Point and other places where by-product plants were presumed to have been installed in sufficient number to supply the plants with their furnace fuel requirements. The I. C. Frick Coke Company have been sending coke in limited quantities to the Joliet and Gary plants for some time past.

The coke plants of the Connellsville region have 82% of their ovens afloat. Eliminating the Frick reserves there are nearly 84% of the ovens active. This is getting up to capacity, but the capacity is not efficiency. The nearly 20,000 ovens in operation are capable of being speeded up to make 460,000 tons of coke a week. The output is being cut down by failure to get all the ovens charged some days and all drawn other times. The region is running pretty well, however, at its present scale, which is equivalent to 22,000 tons annually, or 10% better than the record of the Connellsville region.

Production for the week ending Saturday, November 27th, was 432,341 tons, of which the merchant operators made 177,423 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 223,818 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 208,523 tons. These figures are practically the same as the previous week. They indicate the furnace is not a small amount of stock coke. This was done by the Frick company it being the only coke interest carrying any stock just now. The merchant yards are clean. It is the policy of the I. C. Frick Coke Company to carry about two days run of coke on their yards. This is equivalent to about 100,000 tons.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, November 27th, aggregated 1,393 cars carrying 435,084 tons, compared as follows:

Destination	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburgh district	4,245	172,384
Western points	6,243	237,700
Eastern points	1,375	50,600

Compared with the previous week this shows an increase of 4,327 tons to Pittsburgh with a loss to Western points of 1,490 tons and to Eastern points of 3,881 tons, making a net loss as compared with the previous week of 253 tons, or practically the same tonnage.

During the week 124 ovens were fired and 21 put out making a net gain in the active list of 103 ovens. The changes were all at the merchant plants and involved the firing of 20 at Prentiss, 20 at Husted and 63 at Washington. The other changes were trifling.

Car Orders Lighter.
Railroad car orders for the past week were fewer and lighter in volume than for the week previous. The latest single order placed was by the Minneapolis, St. Paul & North Western for 200 50-ton cars with the American Car & Foundry Company. The Canadian Pacific Railway is building 250 refrigerator cars in its own shops; the Erie Railroad has placed an order for 13 all-steel suburban coaches with the United Steel Car Company and the Chicago & North Western has ordered 150 composite gondola cars from Haskell & Barker.

Wire Demand Large.
A continued large demand exists for steel wire products and the makers are at present giving virtually all their attention to the domestic trade. Foreign orders are being turned down almost without exception, because the market is swamped with business for domestic users. Premiums are being offered by buyers to have their contracts booked.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

Observe Thanksgiving Day Better Than Some Other Districts and Cut Down Output More.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville coke regions observed Thanksgiving Day better than the other Connellsville districts, the labor being more industrious in the region. The result was a reduced output. The shipments fell to 40,000 tons.

The shipments in tons from these districts for the week ending Saturday, November 27th, were as follows:

District	Cars	Tons
East West	4,245	172,384
Upper Conn.	9,374	34,412
Greensburg	10,075	37,285
Totals	23,694	104,081

The weekly output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions for 1915 is shown in the annexed tabulation:

Week	Cars	Tons
Jan. 2	17,777	65,253
Jan. 9	15,423	55,509
Jan. 16	15,423	55,509
Jan. 23	15,423	55,509
Jan. 30	15,423	55,509
Feb. 6	15,423	55,509
Feb. 13	15,423	55,509
Feb. 20	15,423	55,509
Feb. 27	15,423	55,509
Mar. 6	15,423	55,509
Mar. 13	15,423	55,509
Mar. 20	15,423	55,509
Mar. 27	15,423	55,509
Apr. 3	15,423	55,509
Apr. 10	15,423	55,509
Apr. 17	15,423	55,509
Apr. 24	15,423	55,509
May 1	15,423	55,509
May 8	15,423	55,509
May 15	15,423	55,509
May 22	15,423	55,509
May 29	15,423	55,509
Jun. 5	15,423	55,509
Jun. 12	15,423	55,509
Jun. 19	15,423	55,509
Jun. 26	15,423	55,509
Jul. 3	15,423	55,509
Jul. 10	15,423	55,509
Jul. 17	15,423	55,509
Jul. 24	15,423	55,509
Aug. 1	15,423	55,509
Aug. 8	15,423	55,509
Aug. 15	15,423	55,509
Aug. 22	15,423	55,509
Aug. 29	15,423	55,509
Sep. 5	15,423	55,509
Sep. 12	15,423	55,509
Sep. 19	15,423	55,509
Sep. 26	15,423	55,509
Oct. 3	15,423	55,509
Oct. 10	15,423	55,509
Oct. 17	15,423	55,509
Oct. 24	15,423	55,509
Nov. 1	15,423	55,509
Nov. 8	15,423	55,509
Nov. 15	15,423	55,509
Nov. 22	15,423	55,509
Nov. 29	15,423	55,509

Following are the aggregate average weekly shipments from these districts by quarters for 1914 for purposes of comparison.

Quarter	Cars	Tons
First	16,770	60,957
Second	17,190	62,384
Third	17,047	61,777
Fourth	17,576	63,201

THUNDEROUS IRON EXPENDS

Now Running at Rate of \$500,000,000 Per Annum.

Exports from iron and steel products from the United States are now running at the tremendous rate of \$500,000,000 per annum. What this means can be best comprehended when it is stated that the largest sales, domestic and foreign, made by the Steel Corporation in any one year totaled \$219,000,000. That was for 1913. Last year the great first of the year made a record sales of only \$380,000,000 of products.

A very large part of the current exports of iron and steel products is being manufactured in Pennsylvania. Large increase in P. R. R. Traffic.
Freight traffic on Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburgh, as expressed in the number of loaded cars moving, continues to show an increase of something in excess of 20% over the traffic handled at this period last year. For the first three weeks of November a total of 592,784 loaded cars passed eight representative points on this branch of the system, compared with 469,860 for the corresponding time last year, a gain of 28.5%. For the ten months ending October 31, the increase in shipments of coke alone was 1,322,556 tons.

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geological column along the waters of the Yough, presents a more extensive outcropping of the coals of the Lower Productive Series than is found elsewhere in Western Pennsylvania. In the interval between the upper member of the Chemung Formation, exposed at the mouth of Indian Creek, and the massive sandstones of the Conemaugh Formation topping the hills of Laurel and Chestnut ridges, eight or ten seams of coal are found, ranging in stratigraphic position from the Mercer coal in the Pottsville Formation to the Farmington coal of the Conemaugh. On the Stewart tract not all of these seams are of commercial value, but the extensive tests made have established the persistence and value of four seams. These have been found at their natural horizons, and while not of uniform thickness throughout the area, they have been found to be mineable and of excellent fuel value.

In the order of their occurrence, ascending from the river, these seams are the Clinton, Lower Kittanning, Lower Freeport, Upper Freeport, The Clarion seam has been operated at Stewart on the north side of the Yough, by the Stickel interests for a number of years. The Lower Kittanning, or "B" seam, is also known as the "Miller" seam in the Somerset field and as the "Mohannon" in Clearfield and neighboring counties. It is a coal of excellent quality as a steam producer, being free burning, semi-smokeless and develops a calorific value of 14,000 or more British Thermal Units. The present output of the mine in this seam is finding ready sale in the markets of the east. The commercial value of the Freeport coals has long been established by extensive operations in the Somerset and other fields.

The persons who are actively interested in the development of this new coal field, bring to the enterprise an intimate knowledge of and long experience in the fueling industry, which is indicative of the strength and stability of the undertaking. That they are proceeding along very conservative lines is evidence of their intention to lay broad and deep foundations for the subsequent and larger development of the field, thereby insuring its permanence as a new factor in the industrial life of Fayette county.

The present policy provides that the ownership of the realty remain vested in the individuals associated with the enterprise. The mining operations will be conducted under a lease from the owners of the coal, by a Pennsylvania corporation which will be known as the East Fayette Coal Company, with capital stock of \$50,000. An application for a charter will be made on December 13. The incorporators are Abraham L. Kelster, president of the First National Bank of Scottsdale, member of Congress from the Pennsylvania district, and a veteran coke operator of the Connellsville region; Drusus L. Stoner, secretary; E. Franklin Overholt, treasurer, and Marcellus L. Harness, chief clerk of the Lincoln Coal & Coke Company; Fenton G. Kelster, of O. Kelster & Company; Charles H. Loucks, cashier of the First National Bank of Scottsdale; George T. Overholt, Albert Kelster and Abraham C. Overholt, all of Scottsdale, and John F. Torrence, of West Side, Connellsville.

While the charter application provides that the company be authorized to "manufacture coal into coke and other by-products," in addition to "mining coal, and other minerals incidentally developed in the mining of coal," it is no part of the present or prospective plans to build a by-product plant. This provision was incorporated in the charter merely to invest the company with the right to manufacture coke by the by-product process whenever future developments and demands of the industry warrant so doing.

An element of the citizens in the vicinity of the new operation is reported as not kindly disposed to the proposal to change the character of the community from an almost sylvan solitude into a busy mining town. The possibility of a large influx of foreign labor becoming domiciled in their midst, is distasteful and seems to constitute the principal, if not the only, objection to approaching change in conditions. Thus far practically all the labor has been performed by residents of the community, or others finding housing accommodations in Ohio. When larger operations are undertaken this source

COAL AT CONFLUENCE

Development of Henry Clay Township Tract is Now Under Way.

Indications are that the new coal mine on the John Reed farm in Henry Clay township will soon be in operation and residents of that section are highly interested in the project, the success of which means much to them. The mine is being opened by Philadelphia capitalists, headed by H. M. Dalesman, who is in active charge of the work. About 30 men are already employed.

Track is being graded and a tipple is being erected, everything being built for permanency, thus indicating the faith of the projectors in the amount of coal to be found there. It is expected that about 500 tons daily will be shipped within a few weeks. There are said to be at least 1,000 acres of coal in this section, tests of which have proved it to be of good grade. Shipments will be made over the Western Maryland.

The prediction of John Reed, owner of the land, that some day would see his farm the site of a prosperous mining town, seem likely to be realized. If the mine proves successful, a town will spring up in no time.

Owners of land in the vicinity are watching the project with interest for it means that coal land values will be boosted considerably if it proves a profitable venture.

COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Creates a Condition Every Employer of Labor Must Face Before January 1st.

The new Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Law which becomes effective on January 1, 1916, creates a condition entirely new to most Pennsylvania employers. Furthermore, it is a condition which must be faced. Before that time every employer in the state must provide himself with some kind of Workmen's Compensation Insurance, and in this we believe we can help you.

Our experience in Employer's Liability Insurance for the past eighteen years has given us a great deal of valuable information on this subject. And we are glad now to put this information freely at your disposal.

If there are any questions you would like to ask please call on us, J. Donald Porter, Insurance, Second National Bank Building, both phones.—Adv.

MINE FOREMAN KILLED

Elmer Fox is Caught Beneath a Fall of Slate.

Elmer Fox, an assistant mine foreman at the mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Leisegang No. 2, was instantly killed on Monday when he was caught under a fall of slate. His skull was fractured and several bones were broken. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. Fox had been employed at Butte for the past five years. He is survived by his widow, a two-month-old child, his parents who reside at Mount Pleasant, and several brothers and sisters. The body was shipped to the home of his parents from which place the funeral took place on Wednesday.

IMPROVE BRICK PLANT

Eureka Works at Mount Braddock Made More Modern.

Extensive improvements are being made to the plant of the Eureka Brick Company at Mount Braddock. A motor driven repress is being installed, a new shed built, and a new clay bank will be opened in a short time. A railroad mile long will soon be ready for use.

The Eureka plant employs 75 men and has a daily output of 25,000 bricks. A recent increase in orders has caused the plant to work at its capacity. To facilitate shipments, a steel bridge is being erected from the plant to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

HUSTON PROMOTED.

Son of Local Druggist Made Night Superintendent of Steel Plant.

William Huston of Uniontown has been promoted to night superintendent of the Pittsburg Steel Company's big plant at Monessen. He was formerly in charge of the galvanizing and mail departments.

Mr. Huston is the son of Frank Huston, proprietor of Huston's drug store on Main street, Connellsville.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 27, 1915.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
800	200	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N.Y.
80	20	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N.Y.
280	220	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
388	360	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
387	360	Burgaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
190	180	Bluff	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	80	Boyer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
280	280	Canby Run	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	240	Canby Run	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	150	Clair	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
70	70	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Collins	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
328	328	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
800	800	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Crownland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
808	808	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
280	280	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Elton No. 1	W. J. Rainey	Uniontown
100	100	Elton No. 2	W. J. Rainey	Uniontown
200	200	Elton No. 3	W. J. Rainey	Uniontown
100	100	Elton No. 4	W. J. Rainey	Uniontown
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LIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS URGED FOR CONNELLSVILLE

Dr. G. P. Donehoo Strongly Endorses Suggestion of Ritenour.

ARE SUCCESSFUL ELSEWHERE

Knowledge of Community's Greatest Asset of Preparedness. No Declares; Value Is Not Purely Sentimental, as Some Now Believe.

Rev. George P. Donehoo, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, writes the following interesting letter to the editor of The Courier concerning the preservation and promulgation of local history:

I am very glad that you published the excellent article by John S. Ritenour concerning the organization of the Fayette County Historical Society. It is most timely, and its suggestions should be carried out at once. Such a movement has been in my mind ever since I first became interested in the history of Fayette county. I recently had the great pleasure of visiting the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, one of the liveliest and best societies of the sort in this state. This society has its own building, filled with priceless relics and a library of about 30,000 books bearing on historical themes. It has published some of the most valuable books bearing upon Pennsylvania history that have ever been issued by any society.

Western Pennsylvania has been too slow in showing an interest in historical matters. It has allowed nearly all of its best relics to get away from the region to which they belong. I have seen priceless relics belonging to Allegheny and Fayette counties in collections in Washington, Philadelphia, New York and elsewhere. Connellsville alone could have one of the best collections of local relics of any city in the state. Think of the tens of relics of the Braddock expedition which have been allowed to be lost, or which have been carried away. The Indian relics of that region which have been carried away would make a collection, the value of which cannot be estimated.

On account of the geological interest in the formations of Fayette county the society organized should be along the lines of the society at Wilkes-Barre. This is called "The Geological and Historical Society of Wyoming." Its collections of relics and documents cover both of these fields, as does also its investigations. Students of geology, archaeology and history from every scientific society in the United States have made use of this splendid collection. Think of what such a collection of all of the minerals of Fayette county would be

worth. It is sometimes said that such a society of such sort of work has nothing but a sentimental value. Even if this statement was true, that should not be done, as most of the things in this world which are really worth while have nothing but a sentimental value. But, it is not true. Such societies and such work have a most practical value to any community, just as much as has a school of college.

Connellsville should have a large and enthusiastic society of this sort. There are plenty of men and women in the place interested in such matters and well qualified to do the sort of work demanded. At present there is an awakening of interest in historical matters in every part of this state. Societies which have been dead, or doing very little, are coming to life again and are daily growing in numbers and interest. As Secretary of the Commission I have brought into personal touch with this work throughout the entire state, and I have been most deeply impressed with the desire of the people to know more of the history of the state in which they live, and of the town in which they were born. This is a good sign. In these days, when there is much said and written about Preparedness we must realize, as Americans, that there is no better Preparedness possible than a knowledge of the history of our institutions and of the struggles through which we had to pass in order to obtain them. Men and women must know what Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Saratoga, Braddock's Expedition, Gettysburg and the many other vital facts of our history mean. If they are to be prepared to defend what they love, they must know the things that stand for. The greatest danger which threatens this nation today is to be found in the fact that Saratoga and Gettysburg mean nothing to millions of our people. We cannot love, and be willing to fight for, a person of whose life we know nothing. Citizens cannot love a nation, or a city, of whose history they are absolutely ignorant. The salvation of America depends far more upon a love which is founded upon knowledge of her institutions than upon any sort of battleships. A man is a fool, or a slave, if he will give up his life for a thing the value of which he knows nothing.

Bring the whole matter closer home. The man and woman who will love Fayette county and Connellsville will be the man and woman whose love is founded upon knowledge. I sincerely hope that the men and women of Connellsville will follow the suggestion made by Mr. Ritenour. I also hope, as I stated in a recent address at Harrisburg, that the time will come when every county in the state may have a lecturer on local history under the direction of the Department of Public Instruction. With the splendid collection of historical relics now in the State Library at Harrisburg, such a presentation of the history of the state and its various counties and cities would ultimately produce a generation of men and women which would be thorough American. This only can we expect to direct the masses of our foreign population. The future and progress must be made to mean something more than a mere sentiment.

REV. WELLS WINS FIGHT AS PASTOR OF BAPTIST FLOCK

Judge Van Swearingen Supports Rules Adopted by the Congregation.

HIGHLAND CHURCH WAR ENDS

Heavy Sentence Is Imposed Upon Liberator For Kiltown Murder and He Goes to Pen for From 9 to 13 Years; Other Sentences Passed.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 30.—An announcement of Baptist law, by a Baptist judge, in a law suit among the members of a Baptist church, featured the opening of court this morning when Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen granted a permanent injunction prayed for by a portion of the membership of the Highland Baptist Church of Connellsville township to prevent the others from interfering with the Rev. C. J. Wells in conducting the services as pastor of the church.

The controversy had been aired in court a number of times recently, several days having been spent in taking testimony. The question at issue was whether Rev. Wells had been lawfully elected pastor of the church. The testimony showed that at a church business meeting held on the evening of July 25, 1915, an election for pastor of the church was held, at which about three-fourths of the members present and voting voted for Rev. Wells, the others voting against him. The real contest arose over the fact that a number of the members present were not allowed to vote, being under discipline for acts contrary to the rules of the Highland Baptist Church, the by-laws of that church providing that members under discipline shall not vote at any business meeting of the church.

Judge Van Swearingen in his opinion upholding the by-laws of the Highland church declared the law of the Baptist denomination to be as follows: "Every individual church of the Baptist denomination is supreme in the control of its own affairs, its powers in that respect being limited only by the constitution and laws of the land. There is no organized body of the Baptist denomination having the power of direction to the individual church. All manuals or collections of Baptist laws or usages are but advisory in effect, and constituting no mandatory law."

A motion for a new trial was overruled by Judge Van Swearingen in the case of Frank Curtis against the Long Coal & Fuel Company. The defendant company named out from under a lot of ground of the plaintiff near Connellsville, and the plaintiff sued the defendant to recover not only

the value of the coal taken but three times the value thereof. The jury found that the defendant, in this case, took the plaintiff's coal knowingly, and they returned a verdict in his favor for three times the value thereof. The argument for a new trial was based on the assertion that there was no evidence in the case to show that the defendant company knew the coal was the coal of the plaintiff. The amount of coal taken was not large, the verdict being for \$765.33.

On motion of Attorney D. M. Heitzog, representing Bryson Rush and his wife, of Stewart township, who recovered a verdict against the township in 1914 for \$1,000 for injuries sustained by Mrs. Rush in being thrown out of a wagon on account of the bad roads in the township and for the payment of which verdict the road supervisors have never made any provision, the court granted a writ of habeas corpus for the township, who will be brought into court by the sheriff and required to make some provision for the payment of the verdict.

Several sentences were handed down during the session. Alexander Liberator, who pleaded guilty to second degree murder, was sentenced to the penitentiary for from 9 to 13 years in the penitentiary.

William Courtney, who pleaded guilty some time ago to the theft of \$300 and was released on parole, only to be later prosecuted for the theft of a gold watch from a high school student in Connellsville, was sent to the workhouse for a year.

William Cricco and Norman Hallock, convicted of stealing brass, were sent to the workhouse for nine months. Samuel Schreiner was given 30 days to jail for the theft of shoes and trousers, while Charles Smith was fined \$75 and sent to the workhouse 3 months for carrying concealed weapons. John Worth drew 60 days to jail for the theft of whiskey from a Bullock and Ohio railroad car. James Cook, who served two months of a jail sentence for larceny and then escaped, was sent back for six months more.

The First-Second National Bank of Pittsburgh was given permission to sell 750 Isabelle-Connellsville Coke Company bonds and 1,000 shares of stock in the Bristol-Semans Coal & Coke Company pledged as security for a \$100,000 note by L. W. Semans. Henry Thomas of Evans Station was directed to pay his wife \$3 a week as the result of a non-support prosecution.

ON SUPREME COURT BAR

S. R. Goldsmith Qualified to Practice in the Highest Tribunal. S. R. Goldsmith returned yesterday from a business trip to New York. While away he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington. Attorney Goldsmith is the only lawyer in Connellsville, and one of the few in the county who are qualified to practice before the highest court of the nation.

Attacked by Rabies Victim. Dr. E. G. Kuhlman, a former Greensburg physician, was one of those hurt in subduing John Kiskawa, the rabid victim who ran amuck at Pittsburgh on Thursday.

SPECULATION IS RIFE AS TO COURTHOUSE CHANGES

Politicians Anxious to Know Who Will Assess New District Attorney; Kiefer's Plans Sales. Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 1.—Politicians are awaiting with much interest the opening of the December term of court next Monday with the idea of learning who the probable appointee of the new courthouse administration will be. There is considerable discussion as to whom will be named by District Attorney-elect S. John Morrow as his two assistants.

Mr. Morrow during the four years that he has been assistant district attorney has not conducted any murder case. There is one murder trial for this term of court, that of Roy Mayo for the shooting of Ben Johnson in Connellsville, and it is probable that Mr. Morrow will conduct this case for the commonwealth.

Mr. Morrow never has given out any information of the names of his assistants. It is said that they have not been decided upon and will not be until after the term of court. Among those who are being discussed as possible appointees are H. George May of Connellsville; E. D. Brown, William A. Miller, Charles L. Davidson, John Dugan, Jr., Joseph W. Ray, Jr., and Nicholas W. Rosenberg. It is generally believed that County Treasurer John J. Smith will be retained in his present position. No other candidates for the place have been discussed.

Next Saturday Sheriff Mart A. Kiefer will begin the last sheriff's sale of his term of office. The sales for the December term of court are to be started on Saturday afternoon, but it is probable that a number will be continued over until next Monday morning, and possibly some of them until later dates.

Headsman of Willis Charles O. Schreyer, who is the ex-official clerk of the Orphan's Court, on December 20 will start on his final session of court during his term of office. Before Judge J. C. Work the audit and distribution list will be taken up at that time.

DIES IN CHURCH

Wife of Former Pastor Here Is Stricken With Paralysis. While attending church last Sunday in Philadelphia, Ill., Mrs. J. H. Gibson, wife of Rev. Gibson, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia, was stricken with paralysis and died soon afterward. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Gibson is a former pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of this city, leaving here a number of years ago for Oregon and later locating in Philadelphia. Mrs. Gibson had a wide circle of friends in this vicinity. Keel Long of the West Side received a telegram announcing Mrs. Gibson's death.

Await Word From Relatives. The body of Thomas Porter, the negro, who died Sunday afternoon at the Cottage State Hospital, was removed to the funeral parlors of J. L. Sader where it will be kept until word from relatives of the deceased.

THE SEASON ENDS

Pursuit of Small Game Has Been a Gamble This Year.

The open season for hunting rabbits, quail, squirrels and other small game came to an end Monday and a most unusual season it proved to be.

For the most part the weather since November 1 has been far warmer or than the seasonable average and until yesterday the mountains were free from snow. Hunters usually count the snow as an assistance in their quest of small game, consequently it was a disappointment that the weather was so open.

Hunters say successful hunting has been largely a matter of luck. One man went up the Indian Creek valley recently and traveled around all day without seeing anything that looked like game. The next day another man went over the same ground and got three rabbits within an hour. The bear season is open until December 15.

Notices are being sent out to game wardens to enforce the act of April 15, 1915, prohibiting the sending of game by parcel post from one section to another in the state, or to use any other common carrier for such purpose unless the game is accompanied by the owner thereof.

BOARDS TO ORGANIZE

Supervisors and School Directors Will Meet on Monday.

Supervisors and school directors all over the county will meet to organize next Monday. A list of supervisors in the nearby townships follows:

Bullhead—Joseph M. Wilson, Woodvale; William Harshman and L. P. Grossland, Connellsville R. D. 35; Connellsville—A. J. Sullivan, Connellsville R. D. 1; Lloyd Sullivan, Connellsville; Phillip Oppman, Connellsville R. D.

Dunbar—Charles V. Hardy, Dunbar; Isaac Colbert, Dickerson Run; William W. Porter, Dunbar R. D. 42; Perry township—John P. Armstrong, John Krepps, Perryopolis; John Tough, Bannock.

Smith township—William P. Reese, Champion; William Saylor, Champion; Henry Ritenour, Champion.

Springfield township—Austin B. Kern, Mill Run; Clem Frankhauser, Mill Run; George H. Grim, Normalville.

Stewart township—D. L. Daniels, Ohio; G. B. Friend, Ohio; David Collins, Ohio.

November Hospital Report

The following report for the month of November was submitted this morning by Miss Rebecca Claver, Superintendent of the Cottage State Hospital: Number of patients at the beginning of the month, 2; admitted, 54; discharged, 52; died, 3; remaining, 24.

The Grim Reaper

MRS. ADELIN VAUGHAN.

Mrs. Adeline Vaughan, 58 years old, wife of Edward Vaughan, a well known resident of Dunbar died Friday morning at the family residence. She

had been ill since last Wednesday. Deceased was born in Independence, W. Va., and was married at that place to Edward Vaughan. She had been a resident of Dunbar since 1881. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Russell Vaughan of the West Side; Harry Vaughan, Ivy, Elizabeth, Carrie, Ethel and Edna Vaughan, all of Dunbar.

Z. T. POUNDSTONE

Z. T. Poundstone, 67 years old, a brother of Mrs. Margaret Gilmore of this city, and a resident of German township virtually all his life, died Saturday at his home near Balsinger. Mr. Poundstone was married to Miss Margaret Jane Rankin, and until the last three years had been identified with the schools of Fayette county, having served as a school director, and secretary of the school board of German township, and as a teacher in the German and Menallen township schools. Funeral services were held on Monday at 1 o'clock from the family residence. Interment in the Church Hill cemetery near McClellandtown.

KATHERINE BRADY

Miss Katherine Brady, 17 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brady, died Tuesday at the family residence, 123 Witter avenue, following an illness of about two weeks. Deceased was a member of the immaculate Conception Church and of the Young Ladies' Sodality. In addition to her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Nellie, Mary, Lena, Michael, James and John Brady.

GEORGE T. RIST, JR.

George T. Rist of Poplar Grove, received a telegram from Lockport, N. J., Tuesday announcing the death of his son, George T. Rist, Jr. He was 26 years old and had been ill for some time. Funeral Friday afternoon from the family residence, with interment in Lockport cemetery. Deceased was born in Connecticut, and resided in this city until five years ago. He is survived by his widow and two children.

HARRISON REAGAN

Harrison Reagan, 82 years old, a life long resident of Remington, died Wednesday at his home, death resulting from the infirmities of old age. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Wesley Chapel, Deceased was born at Pleasanton, on May 11, 1833, and was one of the oldest and best known residents of that section. His wife died some time ago.

MRS. JARRETT RHODES

Mrs. Jarrett Rhodes, 63 years old, and a sister of Mrs. Clara Mump of this city died November 15 at her home at Lenoirville, O. Mrs. Rhodes formerly resided in Brownsville. Her maiden name was Harriet T. Griddle.

MRS. NANCY L. WOLF

Mrs. Nancy LeMay Wolf, step-mother of Mrs. David Russell of Dawson, died Wednesday at her home at Washington, Pa.

JACOB LINDERMANN

Jacob Lindermann, the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Linderman of Liberty, died Friday.

KOBACKER'S LOSE HEAVILY BY FIRE AT MT. PLEASANT

Their New Building is Totally Destroyed by Flames.

Loss Will Exceed \$100,000

Blaze is Believed to Have Originated From an Overheated Furnace in the Rear of Basement; Five and Ten Cent Store is Also a Heavy Loser.

Fire Monday destroyed the two story brick building on Main street, Mount Pleasant, occupied by the department store of H. Kobacker & Sons and F. W. Woolworth & Company's five and ten cent store. Both the building and contents are a total loss. It is estimated that the damage to Kobacker's alone will exceed \$100,000. No estimate was available up to noon on the Woolworth stock. The Kobacker loss is partially covered by insurance.

Because of the dense smoke the firemen were compelled to combat the blaze from the outside. Smoke helmets were used for a time, but the fire had made such headway that the firemen were driven out of the building. Virtually none of the stock could be taken out of the store.

The fire was discovered shortly after 7 o'clock by William Emery, who lives in the rear of the building. He saw smoke issuing from the basement. By the time the firemen arrived the flames had reached the main floor, and the smoke was so dense that it was impossible to get to the blaze.

A call was sent to the Standard fire department, which responded. Volunteers from Southwest No. 1 and other nearby fire plants also responded to the call.

The firemen were able to confine the flames to the single building, but it was totally destroyed. Only the walls remain standing, and at noon it was believed they might topple. The blaze was fanned by the high wind which blew throughout the morning. Burning embers were carried for hundreds of yards, and residents in the path of the flying fire were kept busy preventing their homes from being ignited.

Street cars held up by the blaze. The West Penn sent a special car to Tarr station, where the morning mail was brought to Mount Pleasant. It arrived at 9 o'clock, an hour later than schedule.

The Kobacker building is located on Main street in the rear of Mount Pleasant's business district. The building was erected in 1912. It was thoroughly modern in every respect. H. Kobacker & Sons occupied all but a single storeroom on the first floor. Woolworth occupied the second floor. In the basement Kobacker had their toy department located. Men's furnishings, shoes and drygoods were on the first floor, and wall paper, ladies' suits and carpets were on the second floor.

Other speakers included C. B. Francis of Dunbar township; Dr. Lincoln Hulley; W. C. McKean of Uniontown; Charles Opperman of Redstone township; Dr. J. H. Sangster of German township; and Superintendent F. W. Wright of the Uniontown school.

Superintendent Carroll today called attention of the directors to section 503 of the school code, requiring them to attend the annual conventions. Directors are paid \$2 for each day's attendance and mileage.

WOMEN IN SWIM
They Will Take Up First Aid Work Soon.

About 150 women from Connelville, Scottdale and other towns nearby are taking weekly lessons in swimming in the pool at the Macalester home on South Pittsburgh street, under the instruction of Miss Helen Artman.

Interest in the swimming classes has been so great that Miss Artman is planning to extend the work by adding classes in first aid and rescue work after the holidays. She seeks the cooperation of the school children and parents in this movement.

What to do in case of drowning, proper ways to rescue a person from consciousness and other valuable lessons will be given.

DOGS FIND NO TRAIL
Unable to Trace Robbers Active Near Ohioville.

Two bloodhounds owned by Hawkins and Harris of Fairmont, passed through here yesterday on their way to Ohioville to try and trace the robbers who held up Justice L. Collins of Stewart township on Friday night and robbed him of \$400 and his sons, John and Nelson, of \$300.

The hounds were up against a severe handicap in being faced with a cold trail but their keeper maintained that they could follow a 48-hour old scent. The dogs were unable to do anything and they were brought back to Ohioville about noon after spending a fruitless morning trying to pick up the trail.

BAKER HANGS HIMSELF.

Uniontown Mail, Despondent Over Money Matters, Ends Life.

Ernest P. D. Baugh, aged 54, a well known Uniontown baker, hanged himself in the flour shed in the rear of his home on Saturday evening about 5.30 o'clock. Despondency over monetary matters is given as the cause.

Mr. Baugh had been down the street just an hour and a half earlier in the evening. Returning he sat down to his evening meal and his wife went into the store which is in the front part of the house. When he did not come home she sent her daughter to look for him. The child found him hanging in the flour shed.

Teinster is Killed.

Matthew Bry, a tenant of Latrobe, was killed yesterday morning when struck by a shifter on the branch line of the Pennsylvania railroad at Latrobe.

One of the deer was shipped here and the other to Mr. Cline's home in Derry.

TRIBUTE TO EDUCATOR

Vanderbilt Church Holds Bookers T. Washington Service.

At a meeting in St. Paul's Baptist Church at Vanderbilt on Sunday afternoon, honor was done to the memory of Booker T. Washington. A large and appreciative audience took part in the ceremonies. Rev. J. B. Strickler, pastor of the Christian Church; Rev. W. H. Smith, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church; J. B. Henderson and J. A. Strickler occupied places on the platform.

Miss Eva Bates read a sketch of the life of Mr. Washington, after which Rev. Smith spoke, dwelling on the life of the deceased negro educator. Rev. Strickler dwelt upon the sterling worth of Mr. Washington and of the high respect in which he was held by the whites of both Europe and America. Dr. White followed with an eloquent address, further eulogizing the life of the deceased, and putting him forth as a worth example for the young men of all races.

Resolutions of respect to Mr. Washington's memory were adopted and signed by the following committee: W. H. Smith, Edward Arnett, William Washington, Edward West, Amos Chambers, Armstrong Johnson, William Edwards, Rev. D. C. White, J. A. Strickler, Rev. J. B. Henderson, J. B. Henderson and J. E. Darg.

GO TO CHURCH EDICT

Mayor's Proclamation Calls on All to Attend Services Sunday.

At the request of the Ministerial Association of the city, Mayor Rockwell Marietta has issued a proclamation asking that all citizens go to church Sunday, as "Go-to-Church Sunday." The proclamation follows:

"Inasmuch as those who have the oversight of the moral and spiritual welfare of our city earnestly desire that a day be set to be known as 'Go-to-Church Sunday,' that all the people may repair to our several places of worship and how before the God and Father of all and beseech Him to hear their confession and grant them pardon and make acknowledgment of His grace and mercy; now, therefore, I, Rockwell Marietta, Mayor of Connelville, do designate Sunday, December 5, 1915, as church attendance day, and I do hereby call on the residents of our city and all the strangers within our gates, of whatever age, irrespective of class, condition or creed, to be present on that day in our houses of worship, there to hear the word of the Lord and to unite in prayer to and praise of Almighty God."

DIRECTORS TO MEET

School Men of County Will Gather in Uniontown for Two Days.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 29.—Announcement was made today by County Superintendent of Schools John H. Carroll that the program for the 20th annual convention of Fayette county's school directors is to be held in city hall on December 15 and 16. One of the chief speakers is to be Dr. Harry J. Bell of Dawson, the retiring director and member-elect of the Dawson Board of Education. Dr. Bell is to speak on "Under What Conditions Should Children be Exempt from the Compulsory Attendance Law?"

Other speakers include C. B. Francis of Dunbar township; Dr. Lincoln Hulley; W. C. McKean of Uniontown; Charles Opperman of Redstone township; Dr. J. H. Sangster of German township; and Superintendent F. W. Wright of the Uniontown school.

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TO CLOSE ON SCHEDULE

San Francisco Exposition Will Not Extend Time Limit for Closing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—In response to repeated rumors that the Panama-Pacific International Exposition would be continued beyond the date of December 4, the official statement of Charles C. Moore of the exposition today made a definite and conclusive announcement that the exposition will not remain open after the fourth of December. This announcement was made for the benefit of the thousands who might delay an immediate visit to the exposition in the expectation of seeing it during the holidays or later.

Making this announcement President Moore said that the enthusiasm of the public whose attendance has surpassed all expectations, the figures having passed the sixteen million mark on November 2.

IS IN HAITI

Local Boy Sees Service With the United States Marines.

With the United States Marine Corps landed in Haiti for the protection of American interests is Albert Stuart, son of Charles E. Stuart of 705 North Pittsburgh street. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the Uniontown recruiting station April 28, 1915, and he has already had many and varied experiences as a member of the gallant organization of "sea soldiers."

Marines are "sea soldiers" in all that the name implies. They perform a soldier's work, but they are also the sea aboard ship. They are performed first when trouble threatens and they bear the brunt of the initial fighting. They are usually able to cope with any situation, too.

DUNBAR BOY FOUND.

Missing for Several Weeks, is Arrested in Pittsburgh.

According to reports from Pittsburgh, John H. Lynch, 14 year old son of Patrick Lynch, a farmer of Dunbar township, was arrested there by detectives after having been missing from home for several weeks.

Young Lynch had been sought by the police of a number of cities.

To Deliver Address.

Howard W. Daniels of McKeesport will deliver the memorial address at the annual League of Sorrows of the Uniontown Mites next Sunday.

LITTLE GIRL IS ATTACKED BY AN UNKNOWN NEGRO

Posse Seours West Side Hill in Fruitless Effort to Catch Him.

CHILD IS HURT IN SCUFFLE

Four Girl Companions Run for Help When Man Steps From Behind a Pole and Grasps Mary Harshbarger. He Becomes Frightened and Flee.

A number of Green and men and two policemen scoured that section fruitlessly early Sunday evening for a man who attacked Mary Harshbarger of Hanning street while she was delivering milk on Twelfth street. The girl and her companions declared that they were held up by a negro who stepped from behind a pole at the corner of Twelfth street and Graham avenue.

The little Harshbarger girl and four girl companions came to the home of C. A. Pugh on Twelfth street about 5.15 o'clock last night. They were out of breath and several of them were crying. When Mr. Pugh switched on the porch light he saw that little Mary's face was smeared with blood from several deep scratches on her forehead. She said she was unable to tell what had happened but finally the information was elicited from them that as they came around the corner where the street car turns on Graham avenue a man had stepped from out of the shadow of a pole and grasped Mary. The others ran.

Mary said that the fellow had placed his hand over her mouth to prevent any outcry in the struggle. Her face was scratched. She was finally released, her assailant, it is believed, having been scared away by the sound of someone approaching. The girl was not hurt.

A Mr. Pugh called for the police and Patrolmen McDonald and Shumaker responded. They searched the neighborhood but could find no suspicious characters. In the meantime several boys formed a party and escorted the frightened girls to their home.

Men of the neighborhood also joined in the search for the girl's assailant, but no trace of him was found.

A MURDER MYSTERY

Negro, Slashed in Crib Game, Dies at the Hospital.

Another murder case, one likely never to be ferreted out, has been added to Fayette county's long list by the death of a negro, who was 21 years old, at the Cottage State Hospital Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the effects of a gunshot wound inflicted during a quarrel over a crib game on November 13. His assailant has not been located.

Porter's spinal cord was severed by the bullet and his lower limbs were paralyzed. The hospital surgeons performed one of the most delicate operations known to surgery in repairing the bullet and Porter's condition was to some extent relieved, though little hope was entertained for his ultimate recovery.

A negro named "Tony" Crow, who was suspected of having fired the shot, disappeared after the shooting and has not been located. The negro, Allen Stewart, was exonerated by the wounded man.

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The Furnace

By GEORGE MITCHELL
Author of "Sat Good Old Slavery"

At this time of the year the furnace begins to come into our attention. It is a peculiar rube which makes its life in the cellar of plain people and contributes to the comfort of winter by deciding to give forth heat in a blaze because the chimney won't manufacture inside during the autumn.

The furnace is composed of a huge cracked brick surrounded by a sheet iron boiler. It is operated by a system of checks and cranks through one pipe, or, in our case, and get just as good results. It is connected with the various rooms in the house by large tin pipes which serve to transmit heat from the furnace to the rooms. When a furnace is working vigorously a stream of warm air is blown high over the house in some cases producing a draft in the chimney which is so strong that it will blow the door of the furnace open. The furnace is a piece of machinery which does its full duty toward humanity.

The hot air furnace is an animal from the manner in which it is built. We are taught that the furnace is a piece of machinery which does its full duty toward humanity.



Declines to give heat because the chimney was not maintained during the autumn.

understands, even on the front porch. This is only partially true. The furnace will not heat the house by means of a pipe and a chimney. It will only heat the house by means of a pipe and a chimney.

A furnace can be readily operated during the winter by one man if he has the arrangements to have a fire in the furnace. It is a piece of machinery which does its full duty toward humanity.

Some people claim that this work can run on a single man. It is a piece of machinery which does its full duty toward humanity.

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COUNCIL LOWERS ASSESSMENTS OF MANY PROPERTIES

Finding of Board of Appeals is Announced Saturday Afternoon.

ONE ASSESSMENT INCREASED

Properties of George A. Markle on West Main Street Found to be Assessed Lower in Proportion Than Others in That Vicinity; The List.

Council completed its consideration of appeals from 1914 assessments (this morning) and announced its findings. A large number of assessments were reduced and only one was increased.

The 8 1/2% increase was in the properties of George A. Markle on West Main street, which were found to be undervalued according to other property in the neighborhood. The increase was from \$5,550 to \$6,200.

A decrease of 10 per cent in the assessment of vacant lots along Woodlawn avenue and the Boulevard was ordered.

A number of lots were eliminated from the assessment of the Connelville & State Line Railroad Company, reducing its assessment to \$10,070.

The complete list follows:

First Ward	Original	Revised
Mrs. Margaret H. H. H.	5,500	5,500
White Rock Distillery	18,000	18,000
P. R. Evans	10,000	8,000
P. R. Evans	10,000	8,000
A. R. Morton Hrs.	27,000	25,000
Boyle Mahan	2,000	2,000
John Brown	2,000	2,000
Edison State	2,000	2,000
Chas. W. H. H.	2,000	1,800
Second Ward		
P. R. Evans	700	600
Junior Hosp. M. P.	1,000	1,000
Church Property	2,200	2,000
Third Ward		
P. R. Evans	1,500	1,300
S. B. H. H.	2,500	2,200
Madison Auto	1,500	1,300
Robert K. H.	500	200
George K. H.	500	200
Fourth Ward		
Newman B. H.	500	500
E. T. Porter	15,000	12,000
E. T. Porter	14,000	11,000
Lora Bishop	800	700
R. H. H.	2,000	1,800
P. R. Evans	400	400
A. R. H.	4,000	3,600
James Mountain	3,000	2,700
E. T. Porter	1,000	900
Rose K. H.	2,000	2,000
Seventh Ward		
James Mountain	800	800
George A. Markle	5,550	6,200
Chas. W. H.	1,500	1,100
Madison Auto	700	600
Ren. K. H.	150	120
M. S. H.	2,000	2,200

CASE IS SETTLED

Man Accused of Trespassing Pays Costs Before Alderman.

Charged with trespassing on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 56 on Saturday evening, November 20, Charles Silve of Champlain was given a hearing before Alderman Fred Munk on Saturday afternoon. He was released upon payment of \$14 costs and \$3 interpreter fee.

law, both of Indian blood, were granted a marriage license in Greensburg yesterday.

EMPLOYERS ARE PREPARING FOR COMPENSATION

Law Requires That They Take Out Liability Insurance by January 1.

THE AGENTS ARE ON THE JOB

Seek to Convince Manufacturers That Stock Company Policies are to be Preferred to the State Insurance Big Concerns to Carry Their Own

Under the provisions of the new Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act, which becomes effective on January 1 every employer of labor in the state will have to take out compensation insurance. Local employers are already making plans to comply with the law, and indications are that most of them will avail themselves of the greater protection afforded by the stock company insurance. Insurance men declare that the kinds of compensation provided by the state fund will not be popular. The state plan is unsatisfactory, they declare.

Under the stock company by the payment of yearly premiums computed upon the size of the payroll, the employer is protected against damage suits brought by his employees. One instance is that of a local concern employing about 12 men which is protected from liability by the payment of \$4,000 a year. Large concerns like the C. F. Frick Coke Company and W. T. Kearney will likely establish insurance funds under the mutual plan. Any concern which can satisfy the Compensation Board that it is financially able to conduct a mutual compensation fund may do so. Self insurance blanks of the latter kind are to be sent out early next week from Harrisburg.

The state printers at Harrisburg are at present preparing 500,000 copies of the Compensation act which explain its provisions, tell what to do after an accident and give the rulings of the board. Any concern which neglects or refuses to accept the provisions of the compensation act make themselves responsible under the law for injury to employees and are denied the right of common law defense.

Security among employers today elicits the information that some employers had not investigated the matter thoroughly as yet though they admitted that the time was growing short in which to do so. One large employer intimating that he would likely take up stock company insurance through he had not investigated the proposition as thoroughly as he wanted to as yet.

"SAFETY" IN HANDLING FREIGHT

Ships Railroads Millions in Loss and Damage Claims

After having conducted a safety campaign for the prevention of accidents to persons for several years with remarkable success, the railroads have recently achieved some very good results by applying safety principles to the handling of freight.

The results show that 91 railroads have saved \$5,000,000 the reduction of their payments for loss and damage to freight during the first six months of 1915 is compared with a similar period in 1914. The reduction is about 20 per cent but that it is an exceedingly important one is indicated by the fact that the freight loss and damage payments of the railroads of the United States and Canada for the fiscal year 1914 amounted to \$16,000,000.

W. M. IMPROVEMENTS

Orders Mallet Locomotives and Contracts for Largest Grain Elevator

In line with other railroads which had increased in shipment and terminal facilities, a growing necessity, the Western Maryland has taken steps in solving the expenditure of large sums. An order has been placed for 12 superheated compound engines with the Mallet Steam Locomotive Company of Lima, O. Each engine will cost \$100,000. These engines will be more powerful than any in present use and are especially designed for heavy service on the Connellsville Cumberland division.

Another contract already awarded provides for the construction of the largest grain elevator on the Atlantic seaboard. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,000,000. The elevator will be built at Port Covington, Baltimore, Md.

STEEL EXPERT DIES

C. E. Stafford, Who Made First Bessemer Ingot, Passes Away

PHILADELPHIA, November 27.—Charles Edward Stafford, 61, for many years prominently identified with the steel industry of the United States, died of apoplexy at Havertford near here today.

For many years Mr. Stafford was chemist for the Pennsylvania Steel Works. He was widely known for his improvement in the design for an open hearth furnace and he made the first Bessemer steel ingot in this country. From 1885 to 1890 he was manager of the Schoenberger Steel Company of Pittsburgh. He was also connected with the South Chicago plant of the Illinois Steel Company and was one time president of the Edgewater Steel Company.

WILLARD RE-ELECTED

Is Again Named President of the B. & O. System

Daniel Willard was re-elected president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for his seventh consecutive term at the monthly meeting of the board of directors in New York on Wednesday. All of the other executive officers were also re-elected.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC ON THE BALTO & OHIO IS BRISK

Tonnage Movement 30 Per Cent Greater Than Year Ago Crows Are Being Worked Full

Freight traffic on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for this month will show an increase of between 27 and 30 percent over the corresponding period last year. For months past the increase has been approximately five per cent greater each month than the no freight.

To have the freight volume in freight over its three is keeping the transportation department busy. Crows have been increased for time to time is traffic was not it until practically every trainman who was throughout in the department is back at his old job. Many new men have also been added. It is said that crows are being allowed no more than the local rest limit.

Crow shipments from the west are about 300 cars a day yet there has been no consideration for rail at the Connellsville division. It is said that they were having no special difficulties in respect to the traffic movement. An embargo on steel shipments is not needed by the division. A Baltimore report says that this is because of the lack of shipping facilities in New York harbor. There will be no congestion in it is said of anything at all. With such a rush of traffic on the line are necessary. In this case it is said that domestic consumption has suffered. An embargo is said of a car shipped from Washington until not arriving in Connellsville until nearly a week later.

EARLY CHARTERINGS

Large Tonnage and Higher Prices for Ore Are Indicated

The chartering of Lake vessels by ore shippers at a date much earlier than that of previous years and at an advance of ten cents per ton over 1914 rates and before the price has been established or rates made is taken as an indication of confidence in the iron and steel trades. The chartering which has already been done indicates a movement of at least 50,000,000 tons next year.

The chartering of vessels to move ore next year, the Iron Trade Review says, has aroused some discussion concerning ore prices. Recently a number of furnace operators who had not covered for their full ore requirements for this year have been trying to buy some additional ore but with out success. There has not been a how ever any effort to force the market for next year and the ore men hope that they will win. While 50 cents has been the advance most frequently talked about \$1 is now often discussed owing to the very active demand for iron and steel products and the increased cost of mining.

NEW B. & O. COAL PIER

Largest Structure of Its Kind to be Built at Curtis Bay

Contract has been let by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for the construction of a huge new coal pier at Curtis Bay, Baltimore, which will cost approximately \$1,000,000.

In announcing the placing of contracts officials of the railroad stated that all the work would be started at once it being expected that new improvements will be ready for operation during the season of 1916. The pier will have a capacity of 10,000,000 tons a year and will be the largest structure of its kind ever planned. It will contain many features which are entirely new and it will be possible to load busses from either side of the structure with great rapidity. It is expected that the pier will be the loading of one vessel. Another feature is a thawing head in which the coal in barges will be placed in cold weather prior to being dumped over the pier.

ASK SHIPPERS' AID

Want No Freight Sent to New York Unless Export Is Assured

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—C. M. Clain, representing the railroads of Baltimore and Pittsburgh, what he all daily known as trunk line territory conferred today with Interstate Commerce Commission officials over the congestion of freight at New York. Further efforts to relieve the situation were expected as a result.

Whether other railroads that the railroads will put an embargo on shipments to New York port it will depend on what the commission may be able to do.

The commission already has asked shippers to help the railroads in handling the crop and may possibly notify the public as to the congestion at New York and suggest that shippers send nothing for export through that port unless they are certain of accommodation on steamships.

BROTHHOODS TO MEET

Railroad Men Will Hold Three Mass Meetings in Pittsburgh Sunday

The five railroad brotherhoods of the Pittsburgh district will hold three monster mass meetings in the Kenyon theatre North Side Pittsburgh Sunday December 5. It is expected that between 7,000 and 10,000 railroad men will attend.

The first meeting will be opened at 10 A. M. by H. B. Parham, grand president of the O. R. P. whose subject will be "Cooperation." The second will be at 1 P. M. and the third at 8 P. M. The latter meeting will be addressed by State Senator W. J. Lytle, who is chairman of the last in dissolution of committees of the O. R. C.

Disputations Returned Effective Friday, Nov. 27. Disputations returned for the Baltimore & Ohio have been transferred from Smithfield to Connellsville. They were formerly located here but were sent to Smithfield several months ago.

Cut in Hard Coal Rate Delayed. The reductions in freight rates on anthracite coal ordered effective December 1 have been postponed until January 1 by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

FURTHER CHANGES MADE IN TIME OF PASSENGER TRAINS

Another B. & O. Schedule Becomes Effective on Sunday.

LAYOVER HERE FOR NO. 49

It Will Leave for Pittsburgh at 8 O'Clock Instead of 9:10. No. 49 to Arrive at 7:40 Instead of 7:58. Lasted Run for the Fairmont Train

A number of changes in the passenger schedule of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will become effective on Sunday.

The most important of these is a change in the time of the Fairmont train. No. 49 will leave for Pittsburgh at 8 o'clock instead of 9:10. No. 49 to arrive at 7:40 instead of 7:58. Lasted Run for the Fairmont Train

As predicted in the earlier schedule, No. 49 will arrive from Fairmont at 7:40 instead of 7:58. No. 49 will arrive from Fairmont at 7:40 instead of 7:58.

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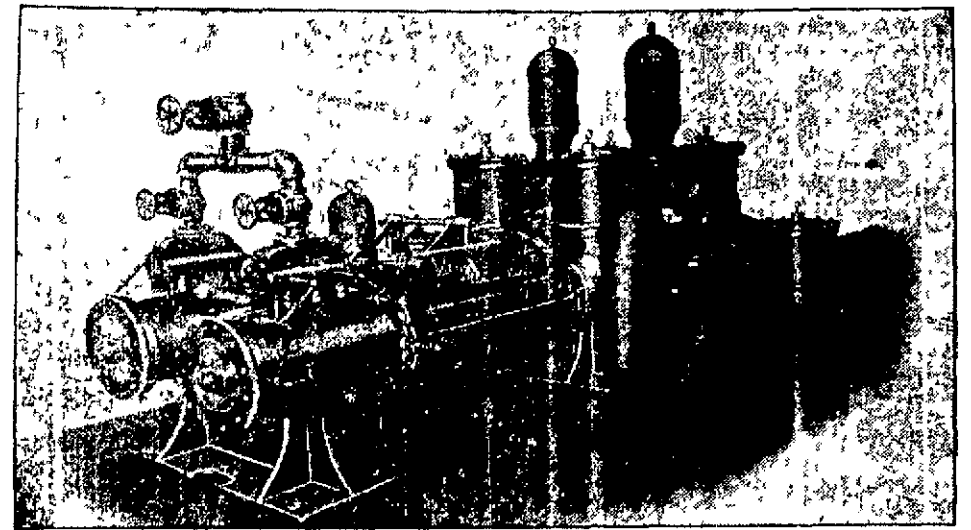
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